NORWICH, CONN., TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1918

AUSTRIANS, HALTED IN THEIR DRIVE, ARE FORCED TO ASSUME THE

large waves of gas and shells.

HOUSE HAS PASSED

It now goes to the senate.

control.

THE SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

appropriations for the presi-

dent and the information committee were approved today by the house ap-

propriations committee and attached as amendments to the bill with both

democrats and republicans supporting

them. Before passing the measure, however, the house amended it so that

none of the information appropriation

Most of the nearly two billions pro-vided for the shipping board is for

and abroad with \$87,000,000 for estab

lishing shipyards, \$60,000,000 for oper-

Other appropriations include \$7,500,-000 for the food administration, \$3,500, 000 for the fuel administration, \$3,500,

Front to Prevent Desertions.

ere from Buchs and also from several

points along the Swiss-Tyrolese fron-tier indicate that the Austrians are

been suspended.

The new Austro-German headquart-

000 for the war trade board, \$2,800,000

AUSTRIANS ARE POURING

Carries a Total of \$2,915,000,000-Now

Goes to the Senate.

Allies Have Recovered Ground Lost to the Enemy in the Initial Onslaught

ITALIANS AGGRESSIVE IN IMPORTANT SECTORS

Austrians Are Bringing the Strongest Kind of Pressure to Bear on the Allied Lines on Both the Northern and Eastern Parts of the Battlefield in an Effort to Gain Access in Force to the Venetian Plains-The Italians Are Inflicting Heavy Casualties on the Austrian Troops That Crossed the Piave-There Has Been No Heavy Fighting on the Battle Fronts in France - American Patrols East of Chateau Thierry Again Have Crossed the Marne, Attacked the Germans and Returned to Their Base.

Not alone are the Italians and their Piaeve in Saturday's fighting, the Ital-sritsh and French comrades in arms lans have driven them back to the olding in check the Austrian offensive river bank and are endeavoring to push along the greater part of the hundred mile battlefront from the region south-cast of Trent to the Adriatic sea, but they themselves have turned aggresors on some of the more important ectors, especially in the mountain re-

Counter-attacks in the hill country on the north at several points have resulted in the occupation by the allies of ground won from them in the initial consinught and the rectification of their lines, while a stiffening of the front along the Plave river has rendered im-possible, for the time being, at least, further fording of the stream by the

Hard fighting still is in progress, however, with the Austrians bringing the strongest kind of pressure to bear against the allied armies on both the northern and eastern parts of the batin an endeavor to reach the and gain access in force to the

The strokes of the enemy are particularly violent on the Montello pla-teau, the highest bit of ground along the middle reaches of the Plave, the re of which would give him command of the roads leading frough Treviso to Venice and a fair way west-ward through the province of Treviso. The Halians are inflicting heavy as-naities on the troops of Emperor Charles which crossed the river at this

the south from St. Andrea to Fossalata, respectively, the northern and southern flanks of the famous Zenson loop where last year the Aus-trians effected a crossing of the Fiave, only later to be driven back with sun-San Dona di Piave the fighting also is of a violent character, with the Italians heroically and successfully, ac-cording to the Rome war office, holding

Between Candelu and the Zenson the Marne, attacked the loop, where the Austrians crossed the returned to their base.

RELIGIOUS BELIEF IS NO EXCUSE FOR VIOLATING LAW Statement by Judge Howe at Trial of International Bible Students.

New York June 17.-Religious be lief is no excuse for violating the law, federal court here today by Judge Howe at the trial of Joseph F. Ruth-erford, who succeeded 'Pastor' Rus-sell as head of the International Bible Students' Association, and his seven war policies of the government by the irculation of alleged seditious litera-

that religious belief did not offset the constitution, Judge Howe said that he would call this fact to the attention of the fury throughout the trial. In a tilt with counsel for the defense he said that he was amazed the lawyer should hold the opinion that the refled them "in evading the law Rutherford, called to the stand, de-

scribed how, after practicing law in St. Louis and New York, he had succeeded "Pastor" Russell in 1916. Last March, he said, he had asked Attorney General Gregory and the department of justice to point out pas-rages in "The Finished Mystery," Paster" Russell's posthumous book, to which the government took exception. Although he did not obtain ex-act answers, he said, he ordered the publication and sale of the book sus-ing ships' officers.

replied that in his youth it was his ambition to lead an army, "but ac-cording to the tenets of our organicording to the tenets of our organifor the department of labor, \$1,150,000
ration it is against our principles to
fight, and on that ground alone I am
opposed."

Robert J. Martin, another defend.

Robert J. Martin, another defendant, identified letters written by and to men opposed to war which had passed through his hands when he had charge of distributing the associa-tion's mail. Calling war "brutal and unholy," he asserted that members of the association should be exempted scause of their religious belief.

PRESIDENT APPEALS TOO

To Obtain Unskilled Labor Through

U. S. Employment Service. Washington, June 17,-All employers entaged in war work were ordered in a statement by President Wilsin to it is said that trains from Innsbruck, it is said that trains from Innsbruck, Botzen and Trent are crowded with troops going southward and that the ordinary traffic on the railroads has moloyment service recently organ-ed by the department of labor. The

Cabled Paragraphs

Turkish Troops Occupy Tabriz. London, June 17.—Turkish troops have occupied Tabriz, next to Teheran the largest city in Persia, according to a Turkish official statement dated June 14.

American Aviator Taken Prisoner, Paris, June 17.-Lieutenant R. Warker, an American pilot in the French flying corps, was forced to land while acting as a scout on a bombing expedition over Germany and was taken prisoner by the Germans.

ADMINISTRATION CRITICIZED

In Address By George Wharton Peppe at Trinity College.

FOR SHELVING GEN. WOOD

demand General Wood's services.

"If, when a democratic state is at war," said Mr. Pepper, "there is a Twelve objectors were sentenced as man possessing in marked degree the follows:

Hyman Polkes, fifteen years; Wilman Polkes, fifteen years; Joseph

river bank and are endeavoring to push them across the stream. The latest Austrian official communication records the gain of additional ground west of San Dona di Plave and the capture of the village of Capo Sile, on the eastern edge of the lagoon region in the province of Venetia and about twenty miles from the city of Ventes itself. venice itself.

Thus far the Italians, British and
French troops have made prisoner of
more than 4,500 Austrians, while the
Austrian war office asserts that 12,000 be true; either that the bottom is dropping out of American democracy, or else that sooner or later the Am-Austrian war office asserts that 12,000 prisoners have been taken by the Austrian people will insist upon having the services of Leonard Wood."

CASUALTIES AMONG

Although the fighting has died down considerably in the mountain region, t is expected soon again to be re-U. S. MARINES OVERSEAS sumed with increased violence. Em-peror Charles is reported to be at the front and thousands of reinforcements Now Total 717-106 Killed in Action 58 Died of Wounds.

for the armies are said to be moving southward. Time allied commanders are anticipating vicious fighting, believing that owing to the turmoil and political unrest in the dual monarchy the Austrians must make a good show-Washington, June 17.—Total cas-palties among the American marines overseas from the date of their landing to last June 9 number 717, ac-cording to a summary issued tonight by Major General Barnett, marine

died of wounds received in action 52; died of disease 15; accidentally killed ed severely 134; wounded slightly 373. efforts have gone unrewarded, how-ever, so far as breaking the line is concerned. American patrols east of Chateau Thierry again have crossed the Marne, attacked the Germans and

Will Begin July 1 at Madison-To Con- to overcome the obligations of his oath of allegiance as an American cititinue During July and August.

Washington, June 17.—The sundry wivil bill, carrying \$1,761,761,000 for the shipbuilding program, \$50,000,000 the shipbuilding program, \$50,000,000 for the president's emergency war fund and \$1,250,000 for the committee on New Haven, Conn., June 17. summer training of the naval units of Yale and Brown universities will begin July 1 at Madison, it was announced tonight by Rear Admiral C. M. Chester, public information, was passed by the houte late today without a record vote. S. N., superintendent of the units The measure carries a total of \$2. The headquarters will be at the Madi-915,000,000, of which more than \$52,-000,000 was added by the house, in-cluding the founds for the president and the information committee and son Beach hotel, the owners of which, duties and responsibilities is to pro-Messrs. Strong and Hamburger, have offered the place to the government for this purpose for one dollar. The work will continue during the months and the information committee and \$1,000,000 for Mississippi river flood

Materials, ships and other equipment have been provided by the navy de-partment and it is intended to give

It is also announced that will be open to any men intending to will be open to any men intending to It is also announced that the course enter either university in the fall, M. A. Abbott, commandant of the Yale can be used to pay salaries to men of draft age unless they are physically disqualified for military service.

A. Abbott, commandant of the Yala unit, will receive the applications of those planning to enter Yale, and Rear Admiral J. R. Edwards, Providence, R. commandant of the Brown unit, of construction of ships in this country men intending to go to Brown

CUBA SENDS 571,422 FRANCS

TO FRENCH RED CROSS To Be Used For Refugees From the Invaded Regions,

Paris, June 17 .- (Havas Agency). General Torriente, president of the Cuban national commission for relief of war victims, has sent to General Pau, president of the Red Cross committee, a chck for 571,422 francs. The money is to be used for refugees from the invaded regions.

Emptying his truck, he made room for the wounded Americans and children and, except for brief naps by the road-side, drove forty-eight hours without sieep, to Paris.

BRIDGEPORT IS ENFORCING the invaded regions.

INCREASED WAGES FOR FORCES TOWARD ITALY COASTWISE OFFICERS Place Slav Irredentist Regiments is

Because of U-Boat Activity Off the American Coast. Geneva, June 17.—Reports received

Washington, June 17.-Because of aided by some contingents of Germans their monthly wages paid to all II- fused. censed officers employed on American merchant vessels in the coastwise, West Indian and South and Central adn that the Austrians continue to

SENATE VOTES FOR STATUE

OF JAMES BUCHANAN. Adopted House Resolution by a Vote of

Sentence of Military Startling Exposure Objectors Approved of War Profiteering

SECTY BAKER UPHOLDS FINDINGS MAY FOLLOW RAIDS MADE BY OF COURT MARTIAL

20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT A

Baker Recommends That "These Undesirable Citizens Be Returned to the Countries of Their Preference at the End of the War"-Not in Class With Conscientious Objectors

Washington, June 17 (by Associated ress.—Sentences ranging from eighteen months to twenty years' im-prisonment imposed by courts-martial upon so-called conscientious objectors who refused military service at Camp Upton, New York, and Camp Gordon, Georgia, were approved today by Sec-rectary Baker.

Hartford, Conn., June 17.—The administration was criticized for shelving General Leonard Wood, in an address by George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, at the Trinity College commencement exercises today. The assembly rose and cheered when he department, Mr. Eaker went on record as favoring the return of such men "to the countries of their preference," after the war.

war," said Mr. Pepper, "there is a man possessing in marked degree the qualities that make the soldier and the experience and training that make the for command; if the people trust him and he has justified their trust, if the congress has honored him and the alles are calling for him, then he must be given responsible command or war. Julius Levinthal eighteen months: Louis Silverman, ten years; Louis H. Blumesthal, fifteen years: Samuel Washington ceases to be distinguishable from Berlin. If it were to turn operate with the command of his division had been denied to such a man because repaired another general does not want him and the command of his division is provided by the contract commission agents in the provided have been made with manufacturers where a percentage of their profits.

Spire, five years: Paul Bauer, ten years: William Charles Schwab, twender a percentage of their profits.

Agents Claimed Special Influence.

Officials said the manufacturers were be to turn over the command of his division is years and Michael Clupa ten years surances of the agents that they had special influence with army officers or others in charge of letting contracts and under threat to use that influence against the manufacturers. Evidence was said to have been secured that the profits of the profi countries of their preference, it would be highly desirable from the point of view of the United States.

"I have not the least doubt as to the propriety of the procedure in these cases, nor am I uncertain as to the correctness of the results reached.

Gave "Shuffling" Explanation. The soldiers in all these cases were either naturalized citizens of the inited States or native citizens of the ing in order to temper the feeling against the war at home.

There still has been no return to the heavy fighting of last week on the heavy fighting of last week on the battlefronts in France, although several engagements of greater import than the usual raiding operations have taken place. Counter-attacks against the French in their newly-won positions between the Oise and the Aisne delivered by the Germans Monday were repulsed. The French captured were repulsed. The French captured to the state of the summary includes all the captured as those given in a list received today, but which has not yet been made to the effect that some of them were willing to last June 9 number 11, actionist, action United States pursuant to the selective draft law. They were summoned before proper officers of the army and asked whether they would whether particular Germans and Austrians whom they were required to spent several hours going through let-shoot at from long range happened to be related to them.

spent several hours going through let-ter files searching for documents which might shed light on contingent

other causes 2. Total 172. Woundtal 507. In hands of enemy 1: misstal 507. In hands of enemy 1: misstal 507. In hands of enemy 1: misstal 1507. In hand ng 1; total deaths (officers and men) 182; total wounded (officers and men)
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Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities These men were full citizens of the United States, most of them by the voluntary get of naturalization. They were full citizens in the sense that they had equal rights and privileges with all other citizens. They have alon Beach hotel, the owners of which, so equal responsibilities, Among these

BROUGHT WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND CHILDREN TO SAFETY struction about equal time affoat and Rev. Karl S. Kate Drove Motor Truck 48 Hours Without Sleep.

Karl S. Kate, a Young Men's Chris-tlan Association motor truck driver, brought five wounded American sol diers and a large party of French children to safety from a point which was being overrun by a German atack on the western front was de-cribed in a cablegram received today by the association's war work coun-

til, from Paris.

Mr. Kate, who formerly was rector
of All Saints' Episcopal church, Providence, R. I., was taking Y. M. C. A.
supplies from behind the battle line when he came upon the refugees. Emptying his truck, he made room for

Sixty Alleged Loungers Were Set to Work Unloading Barges.

Bridgeport, Conn., June 17.-This city started in to enforce the "work or fight" law today, following the round-up in the slum district yesterday of 60 alleged loungers, who set to work un-German submarine activity off the loading barges loaded with pig from American coast the shipping board to-consigned to a local manufacturing day ordered a bonus of 25 per cent. of company, on pain of arrest if they re-

Today in the city court Joseph Spotsky was fined \$100 and costs, charged with refusing a job at 45 cents an hour at a local factory. Judgment was su-pended and he was probationed on condition that he goes to work

Howard H. Knapp.

if ore to any calls issued by this following the example of the Germans of reney for voluntary enlistment in esampliance of the Austrians and Lorrainians, the Austrians are placing Slav irredentiat regiments in the first and most dangerous lines with Tyrolese troops behing attention to the forming of the melosyment service, pointing out the melosyment service, pointing out the median power of the austrians.

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FEDERAL AGENTS

WIDE CONSPIRACY

Were Made on Hundreds of Manufacturers' Business Offices, In cluding Some in Hartford, New Britain, Bridgeport, Danbury, Meriden and Middletown,

Washington, June 17. - A sationwide conspiracy between manufacturers and contractors' agents in Washders under an agreement to pay com-

Hundreds of Raids Made.

Simultaneously with the announ ment, raids were made on hundreds of manufacturers' throughout the United States 'n search of papers showing the scope of the il-legal practice, and four Poston busi-ness men were indicted in Washington on charges of acting as contingent fee

agents.

Even before the results of the raid

was said to have been secured that some of the agents already have made their thousands in commission fees. Baker to Investigate.

This development led to investiga tion of the relations between certain army officers and these agents and al-though there is no definite indication that these officers are knowingly involved in the conspiracies, Secretar, Baker is making a thorough investiga tion in co-operation with the depart-ment of justice and tonight authorized the statement that he would go to the United States born of parents of the United States born of parents of men: of justice and tonight authorize countries with which the United States is now it war. They were properly members of the army of the Daniels also is keeping in close tour interest of the selection of the property and the wholes. bottom of suspicious cases. Secretar with the investigation and the whol situation has been called to the attenof President Wilson and his cab

Contracts May Be Annulled. The commission agents guilty of these illeral practices will be prosecuted under conspiracy statutes, and

all contracts made by them or with their aid are subject to annulment by Ramifications of the plot may lead that enlisted men abroad will be furnished with safety razors, soap hat were repulsed. The French captured 170 prisoners and 25 machine guns in the fighting.

Northwest of Chateau Thierry, especially in the Belleau Wood, the Germans are treating the Americans to large waves of gas and shells. Their large waves of gas and shells. Their shortly to other disclosures as sensa-tional as those of today, when secret showed their badges of authority

Raids in Connecticut.

Other cities in which raids were made include New York, Boston, Jer-sey City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh Providence, Hartford, Conn., New Britain, Bordertown, N. J., Bridgeport, Camden, N. J., Danbury, Conn., Farmingdale, N. J., Freedom, Pa., Fullerto Pa., Hagerstown, Md., Harrison, N. Middletown, iden, Conn.,

Middletown Pa Indictment Returned.

At almost the same hour that the raids that the raids were made a federal grand jury in Washington rey to obtain contracts under the illegal contingent fee plan, against Joh Fleming, former water commissione of Boston: John T. Cavanaugh of Boston; John T. Cavanaugh,
Eugene Sullivan and Joseph Kohn, all
of Boston. These men, it is charged,
worked together in a mysterious involved manner, persuading manufacturers to pay them commissions contracts they obtained, representing that they had special influence with certain unnamed army officers, and in ome cases actually procuring the con-

tracts and receiving their fees.

At Liberty Under Bonds. It was officially announced that hese men were detected in their negotiations with B. A. Bittan president of the Quaker City Rain Coat Com-pany, Philadelphia, who worked with government agents in gathering evidence against them. They were arrest-ed in Washington recently and are now at liberty under bond. The government will make theirs a test case, meanwhile taking action against others susected of similar tactics.

NEW CONDITIONS UNDER FEDERAL INCOME TAX ACT

Discussed by Attorney General Hinman in an Opinion Given Tax Commissioner Corbin.

Hartford, Conn., June 17 .- The quesfederal income tax act is discussed by Attorney General George E. Hinman in an opinion given to Tax Commissioner William H. Corbin today. The attorney general says:

"To say the least."

He conse-Board of Trade, asking if there was Wall Ctreet manipulation in corn. The secretary replied that all precautions had been taken against manipulation.

ALL PROPERTY OF ALL

attorney general says;
"To say the least, the question is, in my opinion, not so free from doubt as to warrant a refund by the state unless and until the same be authorized by a judicial determination of the

TWO MILITARY AVIATORS KILLED AT PARK FIELD, TENN.

Lieut, Keller and Sergt, Chapman Fell from Height of 100 Feet.

Clarksdale Miss. June 17.-Lieuten ant Keller and Sergt. Eugene Chapman were killed when the airplane in which they were flying from Park Field, near Memphis, Tenn., to Camp Shelby, Miss. fell from a height of 100 feet here today. Lieutenant Keller's home here today. Lieutenant Keller's h was in California and Chapman from Jackson, Miss.

Condensed Telegrams

TEN PAGES-70 COLS.

There are still 75 vacancies in the

H. A. Wheeler, Illionis Food Administrator, will fix a "fair maximum price" for ice.

Henry Ford will make no campaign for the Senatorial nomination, but wil accept it if it is offered.

Southern Senators asked Robert Lansin if China is going to bar Am-erican imports of tobacco.

According to figures of the Shipping

Board contracts for 8,183,000 tons of shipping have been approved. wenty-one saloons within the dry zone prescribed by military authorities at Camp Mills, Mineola, were clos-

John Spargo, former Socialist leader who is now in New York, will sail this week for Europe on a war mis-

German language books and text ooks in that tongue used in the Tar-N. Y., high school. A mass meeting in Newark portested

against an advance from 30 to 40 cents in the round trip fare to New York in Ralph Peters, president of the Long

Is and Railroad was named Federal manager of that road by Director-Gen-eral McAdoo. Staten Island bath house owners are going to have an insignia put on bath-

ing outfits for soldiers to prevent them from obtaining liquor. Germany are imbued with Bolshevist ideas and are circulating Bolshekiki

revolutionary pamphlets. Man of 49, 50 and 51 are being called for examination in Britain for the army. Needs for reserves a year or two longer is the reason.

The British Board of Trade figures for the month of May show an increase of £38,257,000 in imports over the same period for last year.

New credit of \$175,000,000 has been extended to Great Britain and \$9,000 - 000 to Belgium, bringing total cridits to the Allies of \$5,954 000,000. Depressed in spirits since he was

drafted, James Moran Darby, of Bor-dentown N. J. committed suicide while on leave from Camp Dix. Irish Nationalists will return to Parliament. They withdrew as a pro-test against the draft. Conscription

has been deferred until Autumn. A four thousand tons steamship in

Atlantic port. She will be floated. Payments of income and excess profit taxes in New York amounted to \$100,000,000 on Saturday. The total for the district is estimated at \$3000,000,-

The War Department announced brushes, combs, towels and tooth

Austrian authorities over the requisi-tioning of all bells in churches tioning of all bells in churches throughout Italian territory occupied last year.

Sir John Monash, a Jew by race, who pelongs to the new Australian Citizens' Army, hat been made a Lieutenant-Army, hat been raide a Lieutenant-General. He is a veteran of Ypres and

Rodman Wanamaker is building hydro-aeroplane like the America with which in 1914 he hoped to cross the Atlantic. He will use it as an aid in

submarine patrol. Rejresentatives from 15 states will call upon Secretary McAdoo today to urge that the dississippi River be used more for freight movements, sav-

ing the railroads Thomas Magruder, of Columbus, Ohio, and George Robinette of Ever-ett, Pa., both in the American Ambu-lance Corps, have been decorated with the French War Cross.

Labor companies composed of citizens are being organized in France to take over construction work on the American lines of communication at the parts of debarkation. Upon being presented before Com-

missioner Wright at New Haven, charged with violation of the espionage act, John McCarthy of Ansonia was held in \$5,000 for the district The Supreme Court in Brooklyn ruled that the Union Bank of that city which suspended in 1910, must pay 100 per cent to depositors as well as 40

cents on the dollars additional as interest. E. J. Tully, of Philadelphia, was held in \$25,000 bale on a charge of stealing an almost complete set of blueprints and plans of the concrete boats from

German delegates at the British-German war prisoners conference at The Hague are demanding the return of all prisoners in Capada and Africa. British delegates say the transportation for these cannot be furnished. ish delegates

The Federal Food Administration tel-

By Alien Property Custodian-Valued They

at Milions of Dollars. Washington, June 17.—All the prop-erty in this country of Mrs. Adolphus Busch of St. Louis valued at millions of dollars, was ordered selzed today by Alien Property Custodian Palmer. Mrs.

Busch has recently been in Germany and is now in Cuba en route to the United States. The property consists largely of preweries in St. Louis and many other lities throughout the country.

Optimistic War View From Washington

PRICE TWO CENTS

FOLLOWING APPARENT BREAK IN AUSTRIAN DRIVE

CONFIDENT

There is a Strong Feeling That the Offensive on a Large Scale-There Are No Americans on the Italian

Washington, June 17.—With practi-cally all official and unofficial reports today indicating that the Austrian drive in Italy has been sharply checked by the reorganized Italian army and the British and French units support-ing it officers here discussed the siting it, officers here discussed the sitnation with an increasing air of op-

In some quarters it is believed that these operations may have a decided effect on the situation on the western front. There is a strong feeling that if the Austrian drive breaks down the Italians will launch a counter-offensive on a large scale. In that event, officials are certain that Germany would rush divisions of its troops to aid its ally because of the effect an Italian success would have upon the already turbulent internal situation in Austria.

Shifting of German Forces. Some officers are confident that the ack of success for the Austrians now disclosed already has resulted in a shifting of German forces on the western front in preparation to rush di-visions to the Italian front to prop up weak spots in case of a counter-drive. Certainly, German reserves must be held for that service, it was argued, as the disorganization resulting from the fallure of a retremend drive to

as the disorganization resulting from
the failure of an attempted drive to
zet through is almost as demoralizing
to an army as an enemy advance.
While there is any doubt in the
minds of the German leaders as to the
progress of events in Italy, a considerable force of German shock troops
probably will be kept out of the western front fighting and held at points
in Germany where they can be hastenin Germany where they can be hasten-ed to Italy if needed. Some officers hold that the lull in the west may be due, in part at least to the fact that the Germans feel it necessary to await developments in Italy.

No Americans on Italian Front. In connection with the Italian situa-ion. Secretary Baker stated today that no American fighting units are in that region. American medical de-tachments have been in Italy for some time and some American have been in training there. The war secretary recently stated, however. that American troops are to be sent to the Italian front, but for military reasons the plans for the expedition have not been disclosed.

Rumors of Gen. Wood Going to Italy. Persistent rumors that Major General Leonard Wood was slated to com mand the expedition to Italy have been current ever since that officer was detached from his division just before it sailed for France. No confirmation has been obtainable, but the fact that General Wod has been reg signed as commander at Camp Fun-ston is not believed to have any bearing on his ultimate duty, as there are indications that he is under considera-

FIVE HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED AT WESLEYAN. Only 35 of a Class of 55 Were Present

tion for more important service.

to Receive Diplomas. Middletown, Conn., June 17 .- Honorry degrees were conferred upon five Wesleyan university's commence-ent exercises today. The recipients

Doctor of Law-Justice William R. Riddell, judge of the appellate division of the supreme court of Ontario, Canada and Rev. Dr. William Mason North, 1872, of New York city, presi-dent of the Federal Council of Ccurches in America, Doctor of Divinity—Rev. Albert G. Kynett, 1878, of Philadelphia; Rev William D. Beach of the First Meth-

odist church, Middletown; Rev. Robert E. Jones of the Southwestern Chris-tian Advocate, of New Orleans. The class graduated numbered 55, but only 25 were present to receive their sheepskins, as the others are in war service. Of 121 who entered with the class. 88 are now serving with the

colors. Of the graduates 23 belong in Connecticut. High honors went to Frank D. Harris of Middletown. Honors also went to Robert W. Brocks, Wallingford: Herbert E. Fin-negan South Manchester: Russell T. Purnell, South Manchester: M. Standish, Wethersfield: Kenneth P. Stevens, Danbury, and Benjamin H. Bissell of Meriden.

GOV. CARL E. MILLIKEN OF MAINE RENOMINATED By the Republicans at Primaries Yea-

the Emergency Fleet Corporation, in terday-Few Contests in Either Party Portland, Maine June 17.—Governor Carl E. Milliken, Senator Bert M. Fer-rald and the four congressmen from this state were renominated by the republicans at the primaries today. There were no contests except in a few of the county and legislative dis-tricts on either the republican or democratic tickets and the vote, accord-

ocratic tickets and the vote, accordingly, was light.

The democrats nominated Bertrand C. McIntyre of Waterford for governor and Elmer E. Newbert, of Augusta, for senator. Among the party nominees for congress is Former Congressman Daniel J. McGillicuddy,

of Lewiston.
The socialist and prohibition parties did not participate in the primaries. They will present the names of their candidates at the fall elections

TWENTY OF CREW OF

KRINGSJAA LANDED No Details Could Be Obtained From the Survivors.

Lewes, Del., June 17.—Twenty of the crew of the Norwegian bark Kringsjaa were picked up at sea and Minnesota Republican Primaries.

St. Paul, Minn., June 17.—Returns form 272 precincts out of 3,119 in the state primary election gave Burnquist 27,331 and Linbergh 15,255, in the republican gubernatorial primary held today.

Kringsjaa were picked up at sea and landed here this afternoon. The men left on a late afternoon train, presumably for New York. No details could be obtained from the survivors, who were nurriedly placed on a train. The Kringsjaa was sunk by a German U-boat about nin- off the Virginia coost.